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## THE LOS ANGELES RIVER GREENWAY

### ***Los Angeles River Greenway Description***

One of the most promising efforts underway in Los Angeles County today is the transformation of the Los Angeles River from a forgotten concrete channel into a usable and attractive river greenway. The Los Angeles River Greenway will be a network of parks, trails, natural areas and community spaces all along the river's 51-mile length. The river flows through 13 cities, home to over 8 million people, on its journey from the river's beginning in the hills west of the San Fernando Valley to its end at the Pacific Ocean in Long Beach.

### ***1930's Vision for River Comes to Life***

Today's Los Angeles River Greenway is modeled after the original 1930's design for the river, which called for creation of parks and green spaces all along the river's banks. The designers of this plan were the Olmsted brothers, famous for urban park design throughout the nation, including our State Park system. Today the Los Angeles River Greenway is finally on its way to becoming the national urban landmark they envisioned.

### ***Public Agencies & Private Organizations in Partnership***

Partnerships of public agencies, non-profit organizations and community groups are actively working to plan and create a corridor of natural river habitat, park, recreation and trail facilities and river-related economic developments all along the Los Angeles River. As the Greenway comes to life through the development of parks and natural areas in each of these communities, it will help promote economic vitality as well as provide badly-needed recreational opportunities in our most park-poor, densely populated areas of Los Angeles County.

### ***New Park Lands to Connect Communities and Provide Public Access***

The Trust for Public Land is working with private landowners, local communities and public agencies to acquire lands for parks and recreational use all along the river's length, and to connect existing parks and trails along the Greenway. These new parks will become important links in the Greenway, providing public access points, recreational opportunities and natural river habitat. Purchase of new lands is essential to connect the river's three main stretches: San Fernando Valley to Griffith Park; Griffith Park / Elysian Park to Downtown; and the southern section stretch from Vernon to Long Beach.

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